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DOCTORS

Kinmount is ready for
its next doctor.
Story pages 12 & 13.

IN BRIEF

On Saturday, June 27,
Hyland Crest is hosting
a party in honour
of Minden's 150th
birthday.

2 p.m.: Music by
Johnny Burke

2:05: Welcome by
Reeve Jim McMahon

2:10: Dancing to the
music of Johnny Burke
2:20: History of Minden
2:25: Poem

2:30: Johnny Burke

2:40: Poem

2:45: Singing Happy
Birthday and cutting of
the cake

2:50: Dancing to the
music of Johnny Burke

3: Closing remarks by
Paul Rosebush

IN QUOTES

"I don't respond well
to ultimatums."

**Deputy-reeve
Tom Gardner**

"We're disappointed
they didn't accept our
olive branch."

Paul McInnes

Airport project split in two

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Heeding advice from MP Barry
Devolin, Algonquin Highlands
councillors decided to split the
expansion project at the Stanhope
Airport into two phases.

The decision means the township
will proceed with a rehabilitation of
the airport's existing runway and
the put the construction of an addi-
tional 1,220-metre runway at the
site on hold until legal issues and
issues surrounding environmental
assessments required for the project
can be settled.

In a June 15 letter to Algonquin
Highlands reeve Eleanor Harrison,
Devolin wrote he was concerned
the township would jeopardize
losing its grant from the Building
Canada Fund – which is providing
two thirds of the funding for the es-
timated \$3.6-million project – if it
did not get shovels in the ground
promptly.

"I don't need to remind you that
the primary objective for stimu-
lus spending is to get infrastruc-
ture dollars into local economies
as quickly as possible," his letter
read.

see DEVOLIN page 14



CHAD INGRAM/Echo

Ready for September

Three-year-old Thomas Munns boards the bus for the first time as part of an annual program sponsored by the Ontario Early Years Centre and First Students to let youngsters know what to expect in September when they take the bus to school.

G8 Summit hype likely not warranted

by **JENN WATT**
Times Staff

The G8 Summit in Huntsville
next summer will have a minor,
if any, effect on the population
of Haliburton County, the
Huntsville Lake of Bays Chamber
of Commerce general manager
says.

While rumours are rampant that
radical, destructive protesters are

going to take over campgrounds
and rent unsuspecting cottage
owners' properties for the June
25 to 27 international event, Kelly
Haywood says there's no evidence
that will happen.

"There are lots of people [in
Huntsville] who are renting their
homes for the G8," she said, adding
she'd be surprised if anyone
planned to rent a place so far from
the event when there is a glut of

vacancies right in town.

Concern about protesters occupying
local cottages was raised at the
Horseshoe Lake Property Owners'
Association annual general meeting
June 20 by association president Jim Ross.

"Every conceivable protest
group in the world will show up,"
Ross told association members at
the meeting.

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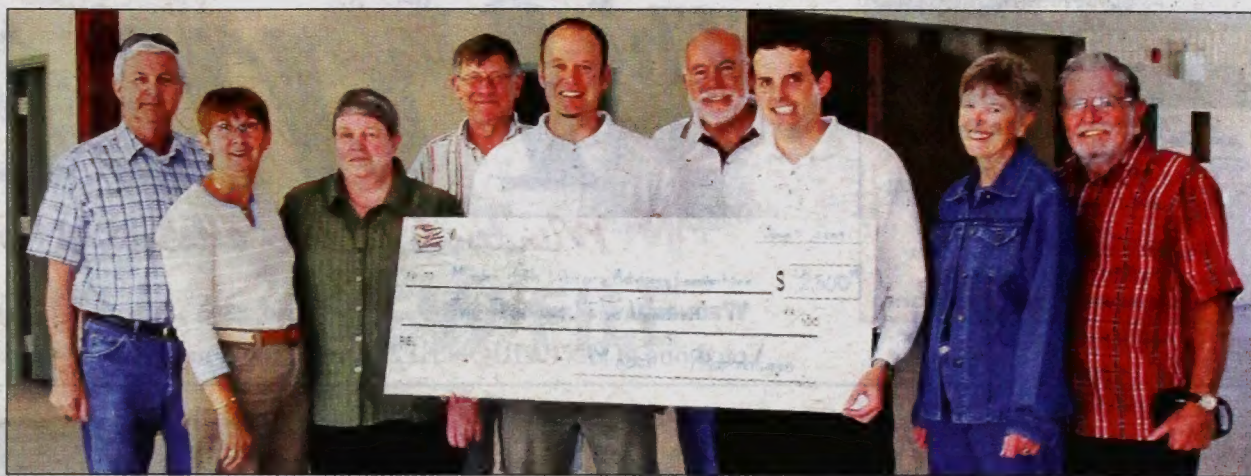
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New Minden library gets more help

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Peter Meraw and Richard Smith, the owners of Minden Pharmasave, have pledged to donate \$5,000 to the new Minden library over the next two years. The money is to go towards furnishing the building. They recently made their first installment of \$2,500. The presentation to the library's advisory committee was made in the new building. From left: Bob Romberg, Klara Oyler, Cheryl Murdoch, Bill Obee, Richard Smith, Peter Oyler, Peter Meraw, Elly Malcomson, and Jim Malcomson.

Collection

- Print collection will be in excess of 12,000 items
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Community needs

- A conference room will be available with a board room style table which will comfortably accommodate 10
- The main public area will consist of reading areas, reading lounge, shelving, computer work stations and a

lounge area

- The main public area will also serve, on special occasions, for large group presentations or meetings
- Display space will be made available for exhibiting local artists' works

What to watch for

- Interior furnishings (chairs, reading tables, computer work stations, shelving and display units) to be installed this month
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- Official opening scheduled for the summer, 2009

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June 25, 2009

Razzamataz announces new fall line-up

Razzamataz, the new music venue in Haliburton Highlands, is a true gem. It's a place where you can enjoy live music in a beautiful setting. The new line-up for the fall season is exciting. It includes some of the best local and regional acts. The venue is located in a beautiful setting, and the music is top-notch. It's a place where you can enjoy a great night out. The new line-up is available in the weekend edition of The Highlands Weekender.

Sir Sam's opens for summer

Sir Sam's is a new cycling team that has just opened for the summer. The team is led by Sir Sam, a professional cyclist. The team is based in Haliburton Highlands and is competing in various cycling events. The team's website is www.sirsams.com. The team is looking for new members and is open to all levels of cyclists. The team is based in Haliburton Highlands and is competing in various cycling events. The team's website is www.sirsams.com.

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Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.



Cottager wants to put an end to mining in county

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff



Susanne Lauten was thinking of the environment when she formed Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration last fall. /Photo by Chad Ingram

One Minden Hills cottager is seeking to have uranium exploration and mining in Ontario banned.

Gull Lake cottager Susanne Lauten is the founder and president of Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration, an organization she formed in the fall of 2008 after she became aware that there was uranium exploration going on in Haliburton County.

A cottager for 14 years, Lauten said she was disturbed when she found out that mining companies were exploring for uranium just kilometres east of her summer home.

"[Uranium mining] is just so damaging to our environment and to our health," says Lauten, a petite, scrappy woman whose tenacity is evident in every word she speaks.

"Countless studies show that uranium dust travels for hundreds of kilometres on wind and increases cancer rates," she says.

Lauten says she is also disturbed by the general laxness of the rules and regulations surrounding mining and says the fees companies pay governments to take core samples on Crown land are ridiculously cheap.

Furthermore, Lauten says it's wrong that the province's Ministry of Northern Development and Mining has total control over these matters while municipal politicians, who know the local land and its people, have no say whatsoever.

While recent changes to Ontario's 1873 Mining Act mean staking claims on private property will no longer be permitted by mining companies, Lauten says the provincial government has much more work to do when it comes to issues of mining, especially mining for uranium.

"It's a small step in the right direction," Lauten says.

An avid letter-writer, Lauten is constantly expressing her concerns to politicians at various levels of government and encourages others who share her concerns to do the same.

Lauten says of late she is particularly concerned about a 25-square-kilometre claim site by Toronto-based company Randsburg International Gold Corp. just east of Oxtongue Lake.

While Lauten says the company has told her it is merely core-sampling for nickel and copper, she is convinced the company is also looking for uranium deposits.

"I know they are," she said, adding that minerals are often found clumped together and that where there is nickel or cop-

per, there is likely some uranium around too.

In a telephone interview, a company spokesman stressed that Randsburg has no plans whatsoever to mine for uranium.

Lauten also says that while economic development is often a card played by pro-mining advocates, the development of one of the county's exploration site into a mine would mean hardly any spike in local employment since such facilities required mainly specialized equipment operators.

Gary Schulz is president of the Oxtongue Lake Property Owners' Association and while he said most people in his community are aware of the presence of mining companies in the area, few are concerned at this point in time.

"There are a million mining claims," Schulz says. "The [Canadian] Shield is rich."

However, Schulz believes that until any of the claims transform into full-blown dig sites, there is not really any impetus for civic action.

"You have to be careful what battles you fight," he says, adding that it would be impractical to fight every mining claim since they are so numerous.

Schulz says mining companies have been poking around Oxtongue Lake for decades and while this fact may make some folks leery, "people don't tend to react because they don't see it."

Most of the claim sites are being explored several kilometres into the bush, far from the eyes of tourists and cottagers, he said.

However, Lauten is still concerned it will only be a matter of time before Haliburtonians do see the effects of exploration.

CUME is planning an anti-uranium protest at Queen's Park this September.

Lisa Schell clears up municipal questions

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association annual general meeting June 20.

Canadian Tire should be built in 2010 if all goes according to plan, councillor Lisa Schell told property owners. Schell said the recent severance of the property into two pieces was "completely legal" and "not against the official plan as one councillor has said."

She also said the Brown Owl property would be cleaned up as soon as possible.

Property owners also asked Schell about the cancellation of the sportsmen's show.

"We tried very hard to salvage that," Schell said.

She also lamented the loss of Timberfest this year saying it has been "a bad year for everyone," and that she hopes next year will see the rebirth of both ideas.

Answering a question about Minden Hills's deficit, Schell explained that the winter maintenance costs and policing costs were out of the municipality's control. The \$60,000 price tag for Minden's arena dressing room and Quonset hut were unfortunate, but "the management in that department has been dealt with."

Tips on geese and wolves

The Canada geese that are now a pesky presence on most lakes were actually reintroduced by the Ministry of Natural Resources in the 1960s after they were nearly extinguished in the early 1900s, area MNR biologist Gerry Moraal told cottagers.

In 1960 there were 1,000 breeding pairs of Canada geese in Ontario. By the mid 2000s that number was 91,000.

"Every six years that number doubles," he said.

Moraal also cleared up the myth that the wolf and coyote populations were growing. In fact, he said, there has been no evidence the population is increasing.

The reason there are more sightings is because the predators' food sources — deer — are gravitating to populated areas where people feed them. If a neighbour feeds deer then wolves are sure to come, thus more sightings.

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New commander - new ideas

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The new commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP intends to change the way policing is done in Haliburton County.

Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley, a 25-year veteran of the provincial police force who took the helm at the detachment's Minden base earlier this year, introduced himself to members of Algonquin Highlands council at their meeting on June 18.

"I'm pleased to be here," Quigley told councillors, saying he was proud to be serving the community of Haliburton County.

Quigley was careful to stress that he sees the entire county as one community and said he will try his best to ensure that its four townships are equally served by the force.

Residents of some areas of the county have complained that they have felt under-served in the past, Quigley said.

The new commander has other changes in store, too.

"Technology has put officers inside the car too much," he said, explaining that un-

der his watch, officers will be instructed to get out of their cruisers more often and engage the public.

"If [citizens] don't have that familiarity, there's no incentive on the part of the people to talk to the officers," Quigley said.

As part of a provincewide effort to increase professionalism on the force, Quigley told councillors that his officers should be wearing their hats at all times.

"If our officers aren't wearing their hats, please let us know," he said.

Non-compliance with the hat rule will result in officers losing shifts, Quigley said.

The new chief said he was pleased to learn the township had decided to partake in the force's enhanced visibility program, which will place extra paid-duty officers throughout the municipality during the next year.

"I'm very confident you're going to be pleased with the results of the enhanced policing," Quigley said, adding that the program has enjoyed great success in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Council voted earlier this month to spend \$2,500 on a trial run with the pro-



Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley is the new detachment commander for the Haliburton Highlands OPP and intends to make a few changes to the way policing is done in the county.
/Photo by Chad Ingram

come and said his force is beginning to keep an official record of where and when speeding tickets are issued, allowing officers to identify problem areas and times.

Councillor Carol Moffatt wanted to know if any progress had been made in the investigation of a series of break-ins that happened last month in the Boshkung Lake area.

Quigley said that the number of break-and-enters in the county is beginning to slow down since with the arrival of spring there are more people in the area.

He also said that if resources will allow it, he plans to increase the number of street patrols his officers conduct, giving special attention to the issue of property damage.

"Rome wasn't built in a day," he said of all the changes he has planned for the detachment.

Quigley began his career as a police officer in Cobocok and has since worked in western Ontario and the Orillia area.

gram, which can be used to put extra officers on foot, in cruisers, on bicycles, ATVs or boats throughout the township.

Earlier this spring, council decreased the speed limit along all of North Shore Road to 50 km/h and Reeve Eleanor Harrison wanted to know if the township could request that extra radar patrols be done along the road.

Quigley said suggestions would be wel-

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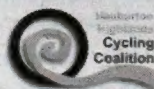
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's a matter of time

LUCKILY, FOR THE TAXPAYERS of Algonquin Highlands, it looks less and less likely that the new runway planned for the Stanhope Airport will come into fruition.

Last week, taking a cue from MP Barry Devolin, councillors voted to divide the airport expansion into two parts; the rehabilitation of the airport's existing runway, to be completed first, and the construction of an additional 1,220-metre runway at the site, to be completed after legal issues and issues pertaining to environmental assessments are dealt with.

While some members of council and staff stressed the decision does not change the scope of the project, but only how it will unfold, in all likelihood, the division of the project means that its second phase, the construction of a new runway at the site, will not be completed.

And the issue is timing.

Time is not on the township's side in this matter.

Councillors have until the municipal election next fall to see that the airport expansion is completed.

At least two members of the current council have indicated they do not intend run in the next election and whether other members run or not, the only councillor likely to be reelected in 2010 is Councillor Carol Moffatt, who has voted consistently against proceeding with the expansion project.

Less than 18 months is not much time to complete a project of this magnitude, especially when there remain so many unanswered questions.

Now that the project has been divided in two, will construction contracts have to be re-tendered?

Will the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association take the township to court over its allegations that council has not followed proper public input procedures with regards to the project?

If so, how long will this legal battle take?

What about Andrew Kuzyk, the Dysart property owner whose old-growth trees must be topped to allow for the safe operation of the planned runway?

There is still no consensus on just what body has authority over whether or not the township can top his trees.

Is it the county? Dysart council? The federal government?

And what of the issue of environmental assessment?

The township is still waiting to hear from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency whether or not a full environmental assessment is required at the property.

And since bureaucracy moves with all the speed of a drunken sloth, it could be who-knows-how-long before the township even receives an answer.

The race is on.

Algonquin Highlands council versus the clock.

Tick. Tick. Tick.

Chad Ingram

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A rose by any other name

Photo by Jenn Watt

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Who heads up the rumour mill?

To the Editor:

If I could change one thing about rural living it would be the "rumour mill."

It runs at great speed and is unnecessarily nosey. The following has not come as a shock to me as I have lived in a small town all my life.

Four friends informed me that, according to the "mill," I was offered a substantial amount of money by Canadian Tire for my property as well as an offer to build a house complete for my needs.

The rumour also says that I refused and that I alone with all my powers have

stopped Canadian Tire from coming to Minden.

I'm impressed.

Sorry folks, although that makes for a good story none of it is true. Between you and I, Canadian Tire never approached me or anyone that might represent me. Honest, it's true!

Remember folks, stories are like butts - everybody has one!

Wonder if anyone will get fired at the "Rumour Mill" over this one?

Robert Young
Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Senior seminars

Each June, communities across Ontario pay tribute to seniors by observing Seniors' Month. The month provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate and recognize senior men and women who have made, and continue to make, an important contribution to what this province is today.

To mark this important occasion, MPP Rick Johnson and I will host a Seniors Seminars on June 25 at the Haliburton Legion.

There will be informative exhibits by organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Telehealth Ontario, Service Canada, Revenue Canada, Alzheimer's Society, Health Unit, VON and local police and fire services.

Attendees will also hear from a variety of guest speakers from groups such as the Ontario Provincial Police, Elder Abuse, Community Care, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and Phonebusters.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with sessions getting underway at 9 a.m. and running until 1 p.m. A complimentary light lunch and refreshments will be served.

Based on feedback received in previous years, we continue to make changes to our program and presentations which we hope will help make this year the best yet.

I have found that with past seminars, there is a good mix of returning and new attendees and I invite those who have not yet taken part in the event to do so. There is no cost to attend and the information provided comes from local groups and people working in your neighbourhood.

I think we can all agree that seniors provide economic activity in the communities in which they choose to live. They buy groceries, cars, furniture and renovate their homes. This results in a stronger and healthier local economy.

If you would like to attend one of the Seniors Seminars, please contact my office at 705-324-2400 or toll free at 866-688-9881 to sign up.

Barry Devolin
MP

Why oh Y

A BRITISH RESEARCH TEAM has announced that men might be a thing of the past five million years from now. Apparently, the Y-chromosome, which defines male characteristics, is slowly dying out. For instance, 300 million years ago, that chromosome (of which I have plenty) had 1,400 genes in it. Now it only has 45. At this rate, she says, the Y-chromosome will not exist within the next five million years – meaning neither will the definition of men as we know it.

Forget the Y-chromosome. If you ask me, the definition of men as we know it took a turn for the worse with the demise of John Wayne and the rise of Perez Hilton. Still, as part of a group whose membership is dwindling, I'm quite willing to help.

First, let me point out that, unlike the other men in the study, I have at least 1,800 Y-chromosomes – I counted them yesterday. Actually, that's an estimate,

since when I got to 12, my wife asked me what time it was and that messed up my count. Still, I think that's a fair estimate.

As I sit here eating rare red meat that I just barbecued, and dreaming of guns, hunting, fishing, power tools, football, beer, fast cars, and scantily clad women, I wonder where the rest of my brothers went wrong. Where did they leave their chromosomes?

It's an interesting question but one that, as a man who owns an overly full complement of Y-chromosomes, I have no desire to answer.

Still, having just returned from the kitchen, where I chased my wife around the room with a spatula, I can't help but wonder what our planet will look like



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

after the last man is gone.

The big change, I think, is that the décor will change, but only once, since the women will now

realize that they no longer have anyone around to move the couch for them. Nor will there be anyone who will be able to tell them if the dress they're wearing makes their butt look fat.

By the way, we stopped answering that question honestly when

the gene count in our Y-chromosome dropped below 100.

Is there any way to reverse this trend? Who knows?

But I'd like to propose an experiment where my chromosome count is monitored now and in 10 years. During that time, pure-

ly for the sake of our species, my wife will fetch me beers and make love to me on demand. I'd like to propose that experiment but I don't have the Y-chromosomes to do it.

In any case, it's good to know that our researchers are on this topic and hopefully asking all the right questions. For instance, is this merely a natural progression of the males of our species? And will our population simply crash after the last male is gone or will women be able to find something else to blame for the excruciating agony of childbirth? And how about, will another chromosome take the place of the one we lost and endow us with really neat superpowers?

There are a lot of questions that might be asked in fact. The answer, of course, is Y.

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Good morning, he barked

EACH MORNING on Sapsucker Ridge The Brown Dog Jiggs asks me to open the cabin door so he can go outside and tell the world exactly what he thinks of it.

It is a habit he picked up as his seventh year turned into his eighth and at first I misunderstood it. I thought that he was barking at something important, like a bear or a moose or even a Harper Conservative, but it turns out he is not that particular.

He is celebrating each morning, rejoicing at being alive to see another day. Jiggs is having a barking-good time. He is defending his turf, proclaiming OUR territory, protecting me, standing watch over the Ridge.

If you were to ask Jiggs what he is barking at, he would say, "Whaddayagot?," in his best Marlon Brando imitation.

Each in his own way, Jiggs and I are good at mimicking old Marlon. We begin each day mumbling and muttering to ourselves in two-part harmony.

Actually, we begin our day by

rising to the ringing of the cell-phone alarm. Its opening note brings The Brown Dog lurching to his feet, ready for action, awaiting instructions in the doorway of our sleeping quarters.

By the time we get to the kitchen, Jiggs's muttering and mumbling have expanded into growling and grunting, the full Brando repertoire, and after a while he throws in a couple of sharp yelps to let me know it is about time the door opened.

Out on the stoop, he pauses for a beat, tries out his day's first full-throated barks, bounds down the steps to his opening position, faces southwest in our little clearing, barks at the rising sun.

You will have watched a bird on a branch, singing out his challenge to intruders. Here I am,

sings the bird, come and get me, his whole body bouncing to his music.

Which pretty well describes the Jiggsian serenade that begins our days. The Brown Dog leans into his work, tail stiffened to remind the world that he is in charge, whole body bobbing with each bark.

He pauses after each chorus, listening for intruders, long nose tilted

skyward, sniffing out dawn's secrets. At last, having completed his opening remarks, Jiggs begins his morning patrol, policing the boundaries of his home territory.

The boundaries are where The Brown Dog says they are. They may reach across a valley and over a hill to Coon Pond

if he hears a splashing there. A rare human sleepover at a pond-side trailer, half a mile away, provokes a thorough investigation and a stern warning to the trespasser.

But most days he puts his head down and follows his regular rounds, looking for clues, stopping now and then to bark out a full report, like a night watchman punching a time clock.

His job is to notice anything out of the ordinary. A tree fallen in the forest or a pickup parked out of place triggers a fusillade of canine angst, a staccato ascent through all the octaves into hysterical yelping.

(Subtitle the yelping, the experts say, and it would come out as: "Hey! Hey, hey! Heyheyheyheyhey...!")

Then, suddenly, The Brown Dog is back where he began, at the foot of the stoop. Let me in, he barks, and I do. He stops, always stops, on the second step for one last sniff. And then he has a nap.

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Ontario home builders hold strong

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Ontario's home builders will make it through the ongoing recession unscathed, the president of the Ontario Home Builders Association told members of the Haliburton building community at a meeting last week.

Frank Giannone spoke to members of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at a dinner meeting at Haliburton's Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on June 16.

While the ongoing recession is resulting in a decreased number of housing starts in Ontario this year, Giannone stressed that Ontario's homebuilding industry will always survive, since its product is a necessary one in a province with a constantly growing population.

Rather, Giannone said, builders should be concerned

about their customers since decreased employment rates are affecting where people can afford to live and what sort of houses they can afford to live in.

"It's about the way Ontarians expect to live," he said.

The province's recently announced harmonized sales tax (HST) – which is to combine GST and PST and be applied to the purchase of new homes starting in July of 2010 – is bound to drastically impact people's home-buying habits.

The OHBA and other organizations have been lobbying the government since the harmonized tax was announced earlier this year and there will be some HST breaks on new homes.

However, these tax breaks will only apply to the purchase of primary residences.

"I don't know if I have any good news for this place [with regards to HST]," Giannone said, recognizing that

the majority of home construction in the county is the building of second homes or cottages.

Still, he said there is plenty of reason for homebuilders in Ontario, and throughout Canada, to be optimistic.

"Our banks did not go bust," he said.

Giannone said he has talked to a number of builders in the United States who have run into significant financing problems after a number of American banks and financial companies declared bankruptcy last year.

"Values have held and are going up in some places," he continued, saying that while housing starts and sales may be down, home prices have remained fairly constant throughout the economic turmoil of the last year or so.

Also, Giannone said members of the echo-boom generation – the children of the baby boomers – are beginning to buy homes and have families.

He said this trend should continue for some time and said that according to a recent poll, 38 per cent of Ontario renters plan to purchase a home in the next two years.

Giannone said that the construction of affordable or subsidized housing, while it may seem like a big job, is not as complicated as it appears and urged those present to take any such contracts should the opportunity present itself.

"It's a good business, especially in time like this," he said.

Giannone also encouraged the area's homebuilders to hold regular meetings with MPP Rick Johnson and MP Barry Devolin to make sure their concerns are being heard in the houses of parliament.

Some of the builders present said they had been disappointed after a recent meeting with Johnson concerning their worries over HST and weren't sure the government was taking their concerns seriously enough.

Giannone said that, generally, the government has little sympathy for homebuilders.

"They see us as fat cats," he said.

However, Giannone told his audience to make sure they remained persistent.

"All you can do is stay on him," he said.

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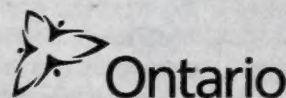
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Richard Smith, left, and Peter Meraw, right, co-owners of Minden Pharmasave, were presented with an award of excellence by members of the county's joint accessibility committee earlier this month for making their store accessible to those with disabilities. The pharmacy has extra-wide aisles for easy navigation by those in wheelchairs or scooters and has a buzzer near the door for those who are unable to enter the building on their own. Joining Smith and Meraw are committee members Tamara Wilbee, Robert Young, Debbie Everitt, Jim Mackie and Cheryl Murdoch. Murdoch said the pharmacy is the first business in town to equip its entrance with a buzzer, but said some others are planning to follow suit. She said the goal of the committee is to work towards making as many buildings as possible in the county barrier-free for those with disabilities.

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CULTURE CLUB for Kids is back this summer!

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Back by popular demand this July and August is Culture Club for kids age 7+. This dynamic program includes fun and educational activities about heritage, arts, the environment and literature. Programs will be led by professional artists, local heritage experts, writers and our summer staff. For more information please stay tuned to our website or call 286-2808.

Get your 150th anniversary souvenir! Our new Sesquicentennial stamp and coin are on sale now at the Minden Hills Museum.

Sesquicentennial Coin

Coin collectors will be thrilled with this beautiful memento of the 150th birthday of Minden. The coin is also a great souvenir for children and grandchildren. The coin features an image of Minden's historic clergy house, a heritage site. For more information and to order your coin for \$10 or a souvenir package for \$50, contact the museum at 286-3154 or email us at museum@mindenhills.ca.

Minden Hills Museum Stamp

This stamp is the second in a series of three commemorative stamps issued by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The stamp is legal tender, honoured at any post office. Souvenirs are available. Call us at 286-2808 or email us culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

*For more information on any of these events go to
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| June 25 | Council, Council Chambers 9AM |
| June 26 | Music by the Gull— 7pm |
| July 1 | "Meet the Animals" – Petting Zoo at the Minden Hill Cultural Centre on Bobcaygeon Rd. Sponsored by the Minden Farmers Association. Wagon Ride from Bridge to Bridge & Cultural Centre |
| July 1 | Spoil Me Lottery Draw |
| July 1 | Canada Day Celebrations-Downtown Minden |
| July 1 | Canada Day Fireworks-Minden Fairgrounds |
| July 1 | Riverwalk Bridge – Official Launch 12:30 |
| July 4 | Household Hazardous Waste Day Scotch Line 8:30-11:30 |
| July 4 | OPP Golden Helmets (downtown Minden) 2:00 p.m. |
| July 11 | Jimmy Flynn Show Doors open 7pm Admission \$25.00 call 286-1936 |
| July 11 | Spoil Me Lottery Draw |



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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 27 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, the Council of the Township of Minden Hills at their meeting of Thursday, June 25th, 2009 will be considering a by-law to name/rename all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the addition/revision of road names within the Township of Minden Hills.

For further information, please contact the municipal office.

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk
(705) 286-1260 ext. 214, cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca

FACT OF INTEREST

Minden's historic bank robbery – In 1946 the Bank Manager Mr. Thomas Brignall was quite surprised when he received information that some negotiable bonds marked from Minden and been found in a park in Toronto. On checking the bank on Monday he found that the safe had been broken into by crowbars and a panel of glass had been removed from a window. 30 deposit boxes had been removed but no cash had been taken. It was estimated the theft was worth \$100,000.00 and the bonds found were returned to their owners.

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Province funds more MRI tests in Lindsay

The residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will soon benefit from reduced wait times with a new MRI machine.

The Ontario government will provide \$800,000 in annual operating funding for the new MRI — the first at Ross Memorial Hospital — to increase access to needed diagnostic testing in the Lindsay area.

The new MRI will provide more than 3,000 scans annually, making it easier for those who need one to get it quicker and closer to home.

"This announcement impacts all areas of this riding," said MPP Rick Johnson. "It will reduce wait times and end the need for residents to travel far distances for MRI services."

"I can't emphasize enough how important this technology is. With better access to MRI services, patients in our area will be diagnosed faster and begin treatment sooner. It's really key to providing the best care possible, and at the Ross Memorial, that means everything," said Brian Payne, President and CEO of Ross Memorial Hospital.

There are currently 73 MRI machines operating in Ontario's hospitals.

In 08/09 the Wait Time Strategy funded approximately 240,000 additional MRI scans. As a result, provincial wait times for MRIs have decreased by 12.5 per cent since August 2005.

'Highly unlikely' that Hwy 35 will close for summit

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"If you're getting a mysterious phone call from Saudi Arabia ... be careful," he said.

More than 90 per cent of demonstrations are pre-orchestrated and peaceful, Claude Doughty, mayor of Huntsville, said.

He also didn't agree that many protesters would even stay the night in the area, since most will come by bus in large groups, returning to the city at the end of the day.

"They typically can't get accommodations and they're not inclined to spend a lot of money," he said.

Haywood noted that when the G8 was held in Kananaskis, the large protests took place in Calgary, not in the small town. This may also happen in Toronto.

The proximity to the GTA may also mean protesters return home at night, rather than stay in Huntsville, she suggested.

Ross also told the group about other rumours he had heard; that Highway 35 will be closed north from Carnarvon and that there will be heavy helicopter traffic around the time of the summit.

Haywood said there will be more air traffic, although the area will become a no-fly zone during the summit itself, but she disagreed with the road closure myth.

"Currently that road is not slated to be closed," she said. "It could change at any time, anything could cause a road closure," but nothing is planned.

Doughty echoed Haywood's remarks, calling it "highly, highly, highly unlikely" that Highway 35 would close.

Highway 60 will have restricted access near Deerhurst Resort, where the summit is taking place.



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- Rotary Club of Haliburton
- And many, many parent donations

Dysart man faces impaired charge

A Dysart et al man is charged with impaired driving after an incident in Minden Hills township on the night of June 20.

Haliburton Highlands OPP say the 56-year-old man was pulled over by officers on Hamilton Road just after 8 p.m. and, after a conversation with officers, he was arrested and taken to the Minden detachment.

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- 12:15 Official Bridge Launch of the new Riverwalk pedestrian footbridge
- 12:30 Crazy River Raft Race starts at Rotary Park, finish line at the bridge in town
OPP watercraft on river with assistance from the Minden Amateur Radio Club
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Kinmount medical centre is ready for a new doctor

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Dr. Elena Mihi is taking a visitor for a tour of the newly expanded Kinmount and District Health Centre during Saturday's open house. Here's her renovated office, she says, and then crosses the hall to show off her second office. She says it's nice to have such a sense of space but she's more than willing to sacrifice her second office when a fourth doctor joins the team.

A fourth doctor?

Such is the sense of faith and optimism that have made the Kinmount medical centre succeed beyond all odds.

Saturday's ceremony was to officially open the new addition, which was built on the premise that if such a beautiful working environment was created, a third doctor would surely want to join the bustling practice. There have been a few expressions of interest since the million-dollar expansion was completed in April, but the clinic is far from signing on a new practitioner.

That point was inconsequential to the dozens of people who gathered for the afternoon of appreciation and praise. After all, when a group of local volunteers transformed the former Galway-Cavendish municipal office into a medi-

Martha Perkins/TIMES



Taking great pleasure in cutting the ribbon to the expanded Kinmount medical centre are, from left, Ted Wilkes, Bev Matthews, Tom Flynn, Laurie Scott, Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas, MPP Rick Johnson, Betty Scott, Khosrow Eshkour and Dr. Elena Mihi.

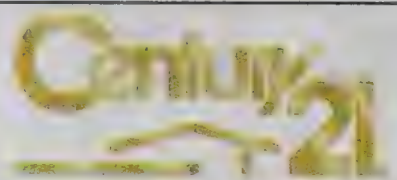
cal clinic nearly a decade ago, they didn't have a doctor either. But then Dr. Mihi saw their "Doctors Wanted" signs and moved her practice from Aurora to Kinmount. Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas joined her a couple of years later, then physiotherapist Sandra Butler and now pharmacist Khosrow Eshkour has moved his entire drug store to the bottom floor of the expanded clinic. It's only a matter of time, the reasoning goes, before the third doctor is found. And, after that, a fourth.

"This is what happens when you pull together," says

Betty Scott, whose family donated the land for the expansion. She remembers when the original clinic was created. "They said we'd never do it but we all wanted the same thing."

Her daughter Laurie was the riding's MPP when the funding applications for the expansion first went through. By bringing together several levels of government, and adding local fundraising efforts, the project was able to

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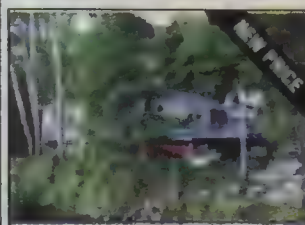
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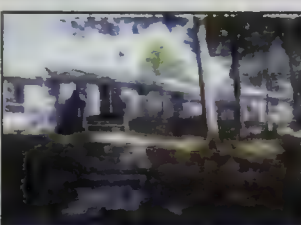
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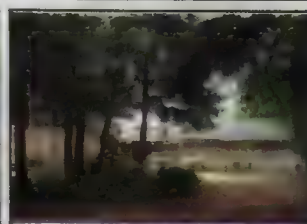
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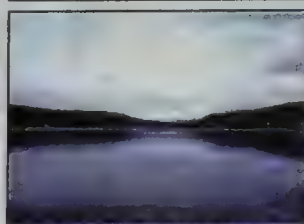
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Partnerships make expansion possible

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move ahead quickly after the Scotts provided the land.

"Health care does not have boundaries and that is evident by the support we've received from our neighbours," said master of ceremonies Pat Kemp, the CAO of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey.

Ron Gerow, the warden of Peterborough County, joked that he wanted to put all of the fundraising committee members into the back of his truck and take them down to Peterborough. "I can't believe the energy and all the hard work that this community in the north put out. It makes me warm-hearted to think a community this small can pull off a project like this. You people come together to make things happen."

"This is the way we're going to get things done," agreed City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee, applauding the spirit of co-operation.

Foster Loucks brought greetings from the Central-East Local Health Integrated Network. As the founding CEO of

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, he worked closely with the chairman of the Kinmount health care foundation, Ted Wilkes and was impressed by his commitment to improving local services.

Although the LHIN does not play a role in managing primary care, when it comes to delivering health care, Loucks said "there's nothing more important at the local level than a facility like this."

A very enthusiastic Dr. Mihi outlined the clinic's past and her transition to life as a rural doctor. (She was the focus of the NFB film, *A Country Doctor*. Its director, local cottager Alastair Brown, was at Saturday's open house.) With the help of her husband and sister, the practice opened and thrived. "Needless to say, I think we did all right."

Her thank-you list was extensive, taking time to acknowledge all of the people who have made the clinic such an essential part of the community. Comparing the past year to her fundraising walk on the Great Wall of China, she said "it had its ups and downs but we stuck together as a team. When you cross the finish line, you forget

all the aches and pains and feel nothing but exhilaration."

She called Wilkes "the greatest friend and wonderful leader."

"I'm proud," she says, "to work with such an outstanding team in such a beautiful building in such an amazing community."

Wilkes' pride in the foundation's success was also evident. He noted that there are 20,000 visits to the clinic every year; "a lot of people are enjoying a better life" because of the clinic's existence. He too had a long list of people to thank, including all the municipal partners.

GCH Reeve Tom Flynn had the crowd laughing during his tribute. He presented a bouquet of flowers to Betty Scott.

Laurie Scott reflected the praise of the family back to the wider community. "We so appreciate the co-operation between everyone." She added that it was impossible for the community to thank the medical staff enough for what they've done.



Betty Scott, who donated the land for the expansion, said this is what happens when a community pulls together.

Financial contributors for the Kinmount medical centre include the following

- the Ontario government's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative: \$495,994
- Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey: \$155,000
- City of Kawartha Lakes - \$12,500.00
- Township of Highlands East - \$5,000
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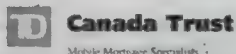
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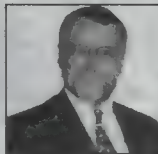
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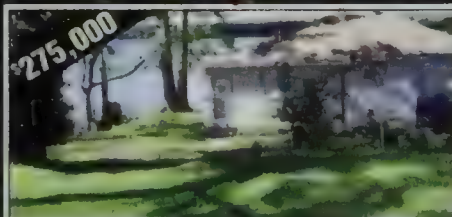
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Devolin's idea a go, not lake association's

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"As such, I respectfully suggest that we move ahead immediately with what we can, and we continue to work on those elements that have proved problematic."

Devolin's letter said he was confident that, with his support, any changes to the way project would unfold would be supported by the overseers of the fund, which draws on both federal and provincial monies.

Councillor Carol Moffatt was the first council member to respond to Devolin's letter at last Thursday's meeting, calling it timely and saying, like Devolin, that she certainly does not want to lose funding for the upgrade of the airport's existing runway.

However, Moffatt said she remains in opposition to proceeding with the construction of an additional runway at this time. She also suggested that along with the rehabilitation of the existing runway, that a revised project be approved to include construction of a new terminal building that would better service the users of the airport.

"I think the airport can do so much more," she said.

Councillor Don Shortreed noted the hours of work that have been put into the airport project by councillors and township staff. "I hate to see all the work that's been put into it go to waste," Shortreed said, adding that he has had sleepless nights over the controversial project.

Shortreed also sees the airport as an asset for not only

the township but for the entire county and said he was "very disappointed in the other three townships in our great county of Haliburton" for not putting their support behind the airport expansion project. He thinks an expanded facility is necessary for healthy economic development in the area and said, "my other concern is and always has been the safety of the pilots."

While the council members supporting the project have insisted that the construction of a crosswind runway is crucial for the safety of pilots who use the facility, the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association, after its research, has said the proposed runway does not even qualify as a true crosswind runway since its planned location has had to be rotated to avoid navigational problems with surrounding hills.

"I believe in the expansion of the airport," said Councillor Diane Griffin, adding that she had yet to hear from a "qualified person" — one with engineering expertise — why the expansion should not proceed.

"I find it extremely difficult to change my position."

Griffin called the expansion project "a great opportunity for Algonquin Highlands taxpayers."

She said she was confident the township's one-third share of the project cost could be debentured in such a way that it would cause no additional tax burden to the township's residents. "I feel I'm doing the right thing."

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner said he was a supporter of the airport project and though he had initially voted against proceeding with the project because of the recession, "I certainly respect what happens here at council."

Gardner was not interested in the "olive branch" that had been extended to councillors by MBC president Paul MacInnes at their June 4 meeting.

At that meeting, MacInnes told councillors that if they agreed to revise the project

to include only the rehabilitation of the existing runway, his association would cease legal action against the township and put its support behind the new project.

"I see it more as an ultimatum," Gardner said of MacInnes's suggestion, proceeding to read the definition of the word. "I don't respond well to ultimatums."

Harrison thought accepting the association's offer would mean heading down a "slippery slope," and that council would lose some control over where the project is heading. "All I'm interested in at the present time is a new, larger, safer crosswind runway," she said, adding that she also wanted to see the existing runway upgraded as part of the project.

"I think we were extremely lucky to get that money," the reeve continued. "I think that we need to move ahead."

Harrison fully supported Devolin's suggestion and said council eagerly awaiting the verdict from the environmental assessment agency on whether it could proceed with the second phase. "We're not changing the scope of the project, we're just changing how we do it," she said.

Four council members voted to follow Devolin's suggestion, while Moffatt voted against. She stressed that she was in full support of the first phase of the project; just not the second, and all councillors expressed gratitude that Devolin had decided to weigh in on the situation.

The township has already received construction tenders for the project and Griffin wanted to know how splitting the project into two phases might affect prices.

"There's a lot of variables," she was told by the township's chief administrative officer, Lorne Mitchell, who added the largest of these was timing.

Mitchell was confident that lighting, GPS and other technical infrastructure that would be part of the rehabilitation at the existing runway could be installed separately without changing the construction or engineering processes too dramatically.

"The engineers have told us it's certainly do-able," Mitchell said.

However, MacInnes believes that because the scope of the project is unchanged, the township may still have more red tape to deal with than councillors think.

"Scope of the project" are "trigger words" with the environmental assessment agency, MacInnes said, and if the scope still includes the construction of a second runway, he believes a full environmental assessment will have to be completed at the site before even the upgrade to the existing runway can be performed.

The township believes the environmental scan that was performed by the engineers who did the detail and design for the new runway is sufficient.

"Obviously we're disappointed they didn't accept our olive branch," MacInnes said, adding that the association is keen on seeing the existing runway upgraded and that he liked Moffatt's suggestion of adding an updated terminal building to that upgrade.

"We will continue to oppose phase two in every form," he said. This will include not only the retention of the association's legal counsel but also writing to the various government agencies and representatives involved with the project, he said. MacInnes is still confident a second runway at the airport will not be constructed at the airport before the next municipal election in the fall of 2010.

Correction

In a story in the June 10 edition of the *Times*, it was reported that glare off the lakes surrounding the Stanhope Airport is a hindrance for pilots. It should be noted that it is fog and other weather phenomena related to bodies of water, not glare, that causes visibility problems. Also, the family friends of MBC president Paul MacInnes are Superior Court justices.

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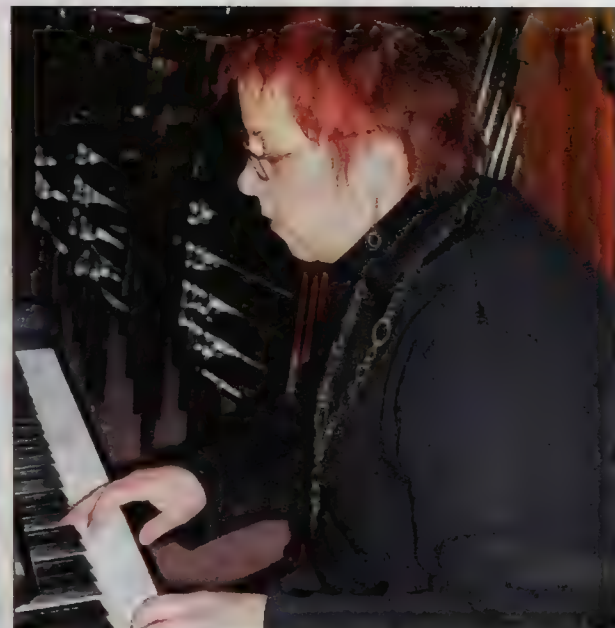
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Above: Gord Kidd, left, and Ric Pringle closed the show. Top right: Melissa Stephens, the choir director at Zion United Church, accompanied the Tri-Vocals on the piano. Right: Greg Hamilton pounded out a number of classic and original tunes.



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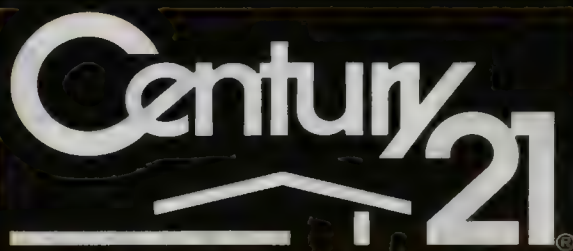
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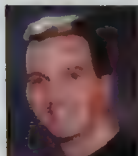
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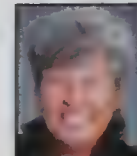
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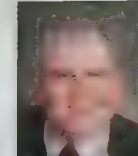
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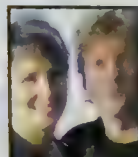
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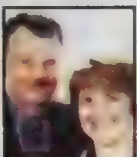
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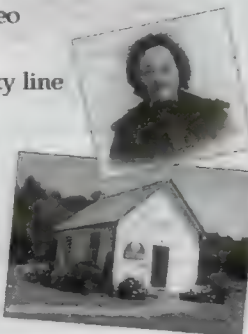
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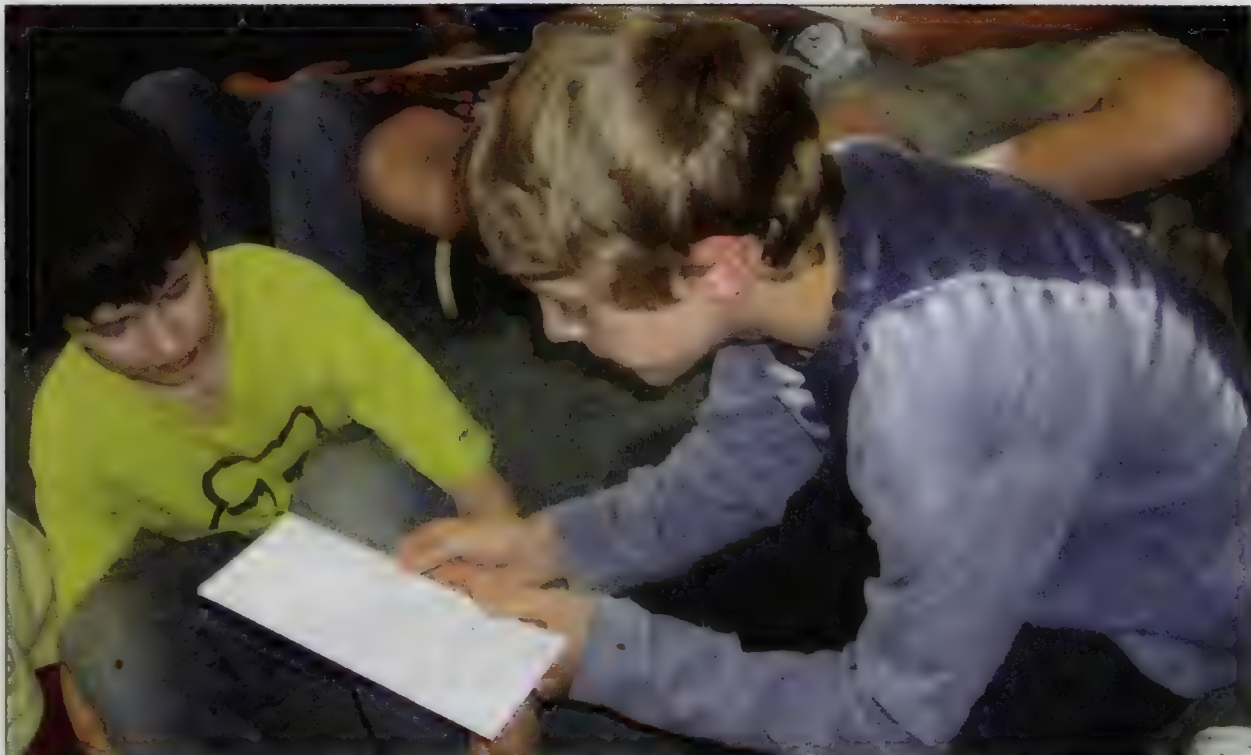
Last week, Grade 4 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School received and opened letters from their pen pals in Minden, Nevada. Stouffer students sent letters to students in Minden, Nevada on April 1 in celebration of Minden's sesquicentennial anniversary.

Students also received a box of gifts from the American Minden's town council, which included T-shirts, hats and other memorabilia. Minden, Nevada celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2006.

Minden Hills Museum curator Carol Simmons, who organized the exchange, said she hoped students would keep up contact with their American pen pals even after the school year is over.

Of the five Mindens throughout the world that Simmons tried to contact earlier this year, the Nevada town was the only one to respond to her call.

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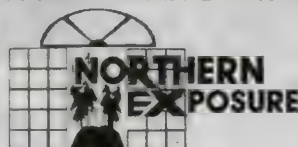
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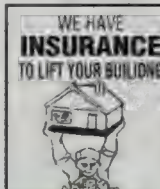
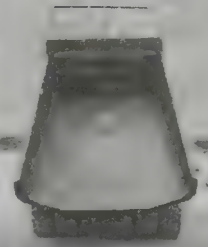
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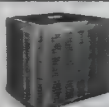
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Josh Belfleur gives Evan Gilbert a lift to see the happenings over the fence.



One of the trucks registered in the 2009 Minden Truck Pull is here awaiting the green flag to take off and successfully pull this heavy load.

Many catch Minden's truck pull

The questionable weather didn't stop anyone from showing up to see the Truck Pull Show and Shine at the Minden Fairgrounds this past Saturday afternoon. The bleachers were full with spectators and the fields around the event had many children throwing Frisbees and footballs.

The popular annual event is sponsored by the Minden

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Pavilion proposed for Stanhope

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The Algonquin Highlands man who is hoping to have a third tennis court built outside the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall is expanding his vision to include a new ice rink and pavilion at the North Shore Road facility.

Tennis enthusiast John Ashworth first appeared before Algonquin Highlands councillors on May 21 saying he was willing to head up a fundraising campaign to construct a third permanent tennis court at the centre and seeking their approval to proceed with grant applications.

At a June 18 council meeting, Ashworth told councillors he had applied for funding to sources including the Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$75,000 and the Power Play, grant program, which, operated by Hydro One, awards grants to recreational facilities powered by the hydro supplier.

Combining grant money and private donations, Ashworth told councillors he is hoping to raise \$150,000 by the end of this year.

Along with a third tennis court, Ashworth said he is seeking funding to renovate the multi-use concrete pad at the centre to provide a quality ice rink during the winter and a court for basketball and ball hockey during warmer months.

Currently, the crumbling asphalt surface is used sometimes for tennis and sometimes other activities.

Also, Ashworth said he would like to have "one small but reasonably nice pavilion" constructed on the property to ser-

vice not only the tennis courts, but also the ball field, soccer fields, rink, playground and picnic areas.

Ashworth said there are no washrooms in the area that are accessible to the disabled and called the public washrooms at the site "inadequate."

Whether a pavilion or just new washrooms are constructed would depend on the success of his funding applications.

"I'm optimistic we'll be able to get everything," he said.

Ashworth is not new to the grant application process and has raised thousands of dollars for numerous tennis clubs to which he has belonged.

By mid-November, Ashworth told council he would like to have everything finalized as far as fundraising is concerned and said he would like to see the rink operating this winter.

Algonquin Highlands did apply recently for infrastructure funding for a new multi-use pad outside the centre, but that application was turned down by the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, a joint venture between the provincial and federal governments.

Ashworth said he expects the entire project, which is to come at no cost to the township's taxpayers, can be completed by March 31, 2011.

"I can't thank you enough for taking on a project of this enormity," Reeve Eleanor Harrison told Ashworth.

Ashworth has received letters of support from MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson regarding the project.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Tennis player John Ashworth has volunteered to raise money to build a third tennis court outside the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall. Ashworth is now hoping to raise enough for the construction of a public pavilion on the property as well.

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There are still a few spaces to sign up for pilates classes. Join Lorraine van Luit (Motivations Fitness) as she teaches the basic mat method of pilates. Classes start on Tuesday, June 30 and will run twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all summer.

There will be a community garage sale at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are available to rent for \$5 each and are first come first serve. Join in this popular annual event, de-clutter, sell your good used items and make some cash. For more information or to rent a table, call the recreation centre at 766-9968.

Later on July 4, join in the fun and come out to another great annual event, the Dorset fireworks display set to take place at dusk on Big Trading Bay. This event is sponsored by the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department, many local businesses and

by your donations. Please be generous when the "boot" is passed around to keep this great event going. Donations go directly towards next year's fireworks. The rain date is Sunday, July 5.

Well, wonders never cease and I'm told it's a wonder that Marlene Clarke has stuck it out with good old Chris for 50 years! Yes, Marlene and Chris Clarke will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 27. Marlene gave Chris her phone number but when Chris called Marlene to ask her out on a date, he couldn't remember her name, which happens to be the same as his sister's name!

Congratulations to Marlene and Chris on their 50th wedding anniversary. May you have many more happy and loving years together.

Congratulations are also in order to Shallon Dukoff and Steve Traves on the arrival of their new daughter, Emily Madison, who was born on June 9. Congratulations Shallon and Steve and welcome Emily.

Special wishes for the week of June 21 to 27 go out to Devon McKey, Matt Cyopick, June Johnson, Sabrina Baum, Harvey Warkentin, Pam Bessey and Bernie Guidi. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

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Does summer have to hit with a vengeance? Can there not be an in-between stage? Then someone had to go say the obvious – that we are halfway through the year already!

This week the energy levels will be felt throughout the county. The excitement is definitely in the air with school ending for the season. Bus 55, Alyssa Stiver's schoolbus will be full of noise! Happy noises. Yes, Thursday when at least 30 really happy kids on Bus 55 will give bus driver Larry a real test to his patience. He will need the summer off.

Alyssa has already made her plans for the summer (are you listening, mum and dad?) Alyssa plans to go Canada's Wonderland at least 20 times, swimming, soccer, camping and spend more time with family and friends. Of course, doing these things requires money and I offered her a job here but it will interfere with all

her plans. Maybe next year?

Recalling that age many (many) years ago it wasn't the same for me because the summer meant being given numerous tasks to do around the house as my parents did not believe in us having the summer off. Since they were of a very strict generation the rule was no idle hands. We were always glad to go back to school.

This Saturday, June 27, that beautiful church in Maple Lake – St. Peter's Anglican Church will be holding their salad and strawberry supper.

Last year we attended and truly enjoyed the feast they set out. It will be served buffet style from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door at a real bargain of \$12 for adults and \$6 each for children under 12. Children four and under eat for free.

For more information please call 754-4428 or 489-1695.

You won't be disappointed!

I know you have all be wondering about my shoes or lack of. Cosmo is trying his best to follow in his mom's paw prints and so far he is losing. Bella is a hard act to follow, after all she is a female and we all know about girls and shoes.



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IN THE MATTER OF MOORE FALLS MARINA AND MOTORSPORTS

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday July 13th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-028/09 & H-029/09
Applicant: Michael JOHNSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot
2. File No. H-030/09
Applicant: James & Nancy GARBUTT and the Estate of Lenore DUNCAN
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson
Nature of the Application: New Lot
3. File No. H-033/09
Applicant: CANADIAN TIRE REAL ESTATE LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 4, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 24th day of June, 2009.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: (705) 286-1333, or
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at

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- Healthy Living presentation (Diabetes Education Network)
- Business of the Corporation

(Reports of Board and CEO, Chief of Staff, Auditors,
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and other business as may properly come before the meeting)

**Please contact Marlene Vieira in Administration at 705-457-2527
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Celebrate Canada Day June 28



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

488-2938 Fax: 488-1246

email: brucefleury@nexicom.net

There is sadness here at the old farmhouse. Son Graeme, grandson Ben and family pet Sparky arrived to sleep over Friday night. Late Saturday morning the three headed off to their cabin next door but only two returned for lunch. Sparky, a five-year-old cockapoo with his white fluffy coat by now thoroughly well muddied and manured, chose the Galway Road route back home rather than his usual cut through the hydro line. He was hit by a car and left dying alone by a driver who could easily have turned up our driveway to find help. How do you explain that to a five-year-old? To Lindsay, good neighbor Bonnie Smith, other grandma Evelyn and Dr. Susan Harrison, Gull River Veterinarian Clinic, our thanks for their help and kindness. Ben and Grandma Evelyn painted rock markers and placed them on the little grave now beside the cabin.

This week's column includes advance notice of Wuffstock 2009. For me supporting Minden Emergency Animal Care (M.E.A.C.) helps to ease the loss.

Due to a special commitment taking place at the Kinmount Legion please note that the yard and bake sale has been rescheduled from this Saturday to the following Saturday, July 4. To enquire about vendor tables or to arrange to donate items please give Eileen a call at 488-2026.

Tom Lang reminds that young people who would like to join in the Kinmount minor softball and T ball program can still come out to St. Patrick's Field on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The annual Kinmount Canada Day celebrations will be held this Sunday, June 28 at the fairgrounds with the gates opening at 5 p.m. The program includes something for everyone especially the kids. There will be pony and wagon rides, games and races for the children, a chance

to visit with Checkers the Clown and fireworks at dusk. Barbecue foods will be available for purchase and you can work off those calories to the live music of the Black Fly Boogie Band performing from 5 to 7 p.m. There is no admission charge but a silver collection to help offset costs. We are so fortunate to live here in Canada.

On Friday's visit to the Minden Animal Hospital for yellow lab Taffy's annual checkup (good report card!), I picked up details from Laura about Wuffstock on Saturday, July 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. outdoors at the hospital at 9 Main Street. This is an annual fun event for a great cause with a dog wash, car wash, toonie draw for items donated from local stores/businesses and homemade dog treats for sale. Also this is the final day to submit photos for the 2010 M.E.A.C. calendar photo contest. Through M.E.A.C., abandoned, injured animals can receive care and ongoing support towards adoption into a new family. At present there are four cats waiting for loving, permanent homes. All have been spayed or neutered and been given their first set of vaccines. As a way of introduction meet Lily, a young, female, long-haired tortoise shell described as very loving and active; Soxy, a young, female, short-haired tabby with white toes and winning personality; Simba, a male, orange long-haired tabby three- to four-years old; and Thomas, a black, short-haired three- to four-old. If you can find room in your home and heart for a new pet give the clinic a call at 286-2919. You will get back far more than you give.

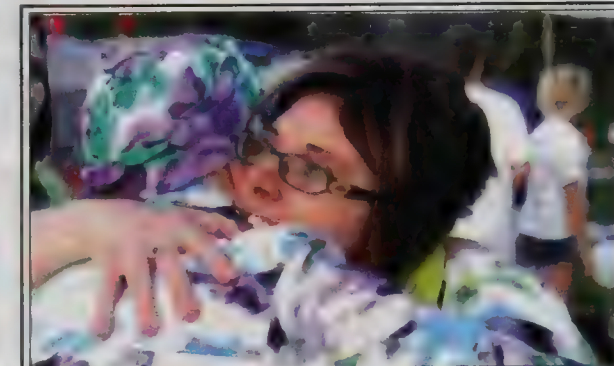
Now for a few calendar flags of events already listed in previous columns. The Burnt River United Church annual strawberry supper is Saturday, June 27 at the Burnt River Community Centre from 3:30 to 7 p.m. with all kinds of strawberries for dessert. Open auditions for the sesquicentennial talent show will be held at the Kinmount Community Centre on July 4 and 5 at 10 a.m. All forms of talent will be considered. The actual event will be on Friday, July 24. Advance tickets are \$5 from planning committee members and at Austin Lumber or \$8 at the door.

A postcard of the mural painted by local artist Brenda Mulholland and mounted on the south wall of the



Kinmount's Carrie Crego and her mother Dorothy were two of the participants in Saturday morning's OPP torch run. The parade through the downtown cores of Haliburton, Minden and Kinmount helped raise money for the local Special Olympics team members.

Kinmount post office is now available for purchase at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace at a cost of \$2. If preferred, the postcard fits well into a standard business envelope for mailing. The Marketplace, in the lower level of the community centre, is open daily now from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with other sesquicentennial items also available there.



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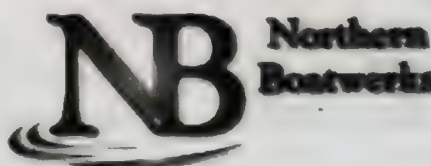
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Summertime is just around the corner and it's time to get your children enrolled in summer camp! Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents is proud to announce its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp. For the past seven years, Point in Time has provided day camp programs throughout Haliburton County. Last year, Summer Adventure Day Camp was a huge success – the children enjoyed sports, games, arts and crafts, exploring nature and much more. Our camp will run for 7 weeks this summer, in various locations within beautiful Haliburton County including two new locations! At only thirty dollars a week, this is a perfect opportunity for children ages 6-11 to have a wonderful experience while interacting with others in the community. Registration forms and brochures can be found throughout the community, picked up at our office at 69 Eastern Avenue, Haliburton, and on our website at www.pointintime.ca. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Heather Ludlow at (705) 457-5345 ext. 338.



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What's happening in the County

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Having an event this summer? List it for free in our Summer Guide! 2009SummerGuide@gmail.com

- June 24: The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be hosting an Ancestry.com workshop - in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 7-9pm. Cost is \$5 for both members and non-members. Space is limited so call 286-3588 to reserve your seat. Refreshments will be available.
- June 26: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12 - 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3
- June 27: Minden Hospital Auxiliary's Second Annual Tag Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Look for our volunteers outside your favourite store and get a Band Aid For a Quick Cure. All donations buy equipment for the Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest Senior's Home. Help us to help your community.
- June 27: The Norland Volunteer Management Board will be holding a Craft, Bake and Yard Sale - from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a salad plate and dessert lunch available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rental tables can be booked and information is available through Grace at 705-454-3404.
- June 27: Pedal Your Arts - Gears for Guilford - Gears for Guilford - Presented by Yours Outdoors. White pines, scenic shores and artists are featured in this 35 km guided bike tour through West Guilford and Carnarvon areas. Meet the artists see demonstrations stop for lunch at the local museum. 1 week advanced registration required. For more information call 705-754-3436 or visit www.yoursoutdoors.ca.
- June 27: All Terrain Vehicle Anson Mountain Ride - Come meet the test riders from All terrain Vehicle Magazine. A chance to shoot the breeze on the trails with the Magazine editors, compare rides etc. Sandwiches and pop will be provided. Meeting at Minden Arena 10:00 a.m. For details email kukkonen@sympatico.ca.
- June 28 to June 11: Camp Wanakita Resident Camp Period A - Adventure and exploration, fun

and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca-wanakita.on.ca.

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- June 29 TO July 3: Youth Adventure Day Camp. I (Ages 8-12) - Presented by the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. Youth Adventure Day Camp has been designed to introduce young people to a variety of outdoor pursuits in a safe and social environment led by trained guides. Participants are offered opportunities to build self-confidence and develop skills. Activities include canoeing, kayaking, swimming, wilderness travel, camp craft skills, animal tracking, wolf studies, rock climbing and the high ropes challenge course. For more information call 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca.

- June 29 to August 21: Dorset Day Camp - The Dorset Day Camp for Boys & Girls ages 6 to 12 runs from June 29th to August 21 (closed July 1 and August 3) from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

- June 30: Pilates Classes (Basic Mat Method) - Session 1 (8 classes) runs from June 30th-July 23rd from 8:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. **NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



Hannah Gartshore and Collin Thorpe do the motions to "The Wheels on the Bus."



Four-year-old Madison Robinson was ready to roll, shades and all.

Test ride

~ Photos by Chad Ingram ~

Last week, a group of Minden tots got an introduction to a vehicle that will become a familiar part of their lives for years to come.

On the morning of June 17, a group of children and parents gathered at Minden's Ontario Early Years Centre to take a ride on a school bus.

Before children were allowed to board, they were educated on the rules and etiquette of riding the bus by a video featuring Winnie the Pooh.

Driver Lynn White told children what she would expect of them and explained why, unlike most vehicles, school buses don't have any seatbelts: "They make the seats like an

egg carton and you are the eggs in the egg carton," White said.

After their lesson and a singing of "The Wheels on the Bus," the children were driven to Archie Stouffer Elementary School where they got off to view what will soon become a familiar building before heading back to the centre.

"It's about making them comfortable with the idea of riding the bus," White said. "The way they're not so terrified."

There was excitement, apprehension and a few tears during last week's short trip.

Similar orientation programs take place throughout the province.



Travis Clarke, along with his dad, Paul, wait for bus driver Lynn White to give them the thumbs-up signal as they practice crossing the street safely.



Emily Austin-Ward was a little uncertain about the whole adventure.

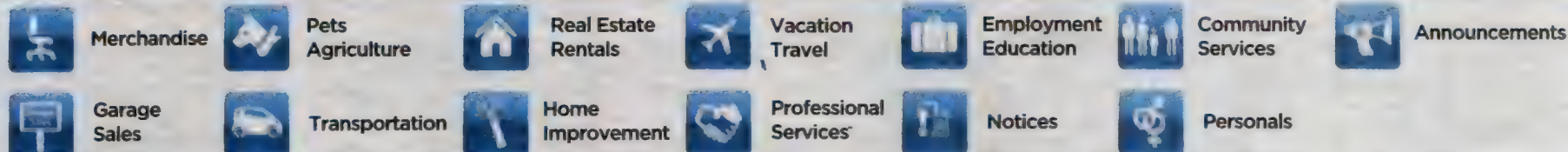
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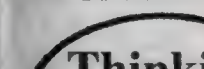
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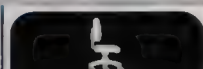
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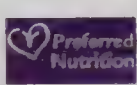
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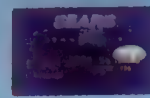
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The Cottage Times



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From field to table: meat producers form co-op

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Haliburton County is known more for its lakes, forests and recreational opportunities than it is for farming, but a group of local livestock producers is aiming to change that.

The Highland Meat Co-operative, which was formed this spring, is a group of livestock producers representing seven Haliburton farms. They have decided to band together in an effort to promote the awareness and consumption of locally produced meat.

"There are a lot of people up here who don't believe there are farms up here," says co-op member Bryan Barlow, who has been raising pigs, cows, chickens and ducks just outside of Minden for the past three years.

Some of the co-op's members also produce sheep.

"We thought this would be the most efficient way of providing this service to everybody," says Andrea Coysh, explaining that with the farmers operating as a team, they will be able to direct customers to the farm that best suits what customers are looking for.



The farmers involved in the new meat co-op produce free-range, organically fed animals, including cows, lambs and chickens. Not only will consumers be able to buy products that are better for them, but they're also better for the environment since transportation costs have been eliminated. Only large freezer orders are available.

The co-op deals only with large freezer orders.

"You can't call up and buy one steak or one roast," Coysh says.

The farmers involved in the co-op produce free-range, organically fed animals and members say their products will be a welcome addition at the tables of people who care about where their food is coming from.

"If you believe you are what you eat, then you don't want hormones, pesticides," Barlow says.

Buying locally produced food is not only healthy for the area's economy, says Angel Taylor, but because it means reduced shipping, there are environmental ben-

efits as well.

"There's less of a carbon footprint," Taylor says.

And, if people want local farms to continue to exist, they should start buying local food, she adds.

The co-op's products are butchered at government-approved facilities in Lindsay since no such facilities exist in the county.

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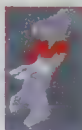
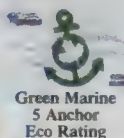
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Porcupine soup? Road kill is not on the menu

Awkward Moments
• Column by Jenn Watt •
Photos by Matt James

It was the tinkling sound of porcupine quills swirling in my soup bowl that made me first wonder just why I thought teaming up with Steve Galea on these "humour" columns was such a great idea.

Sitting in his Essonville kitchen at a table full of "local food," I realized how wrong a situation could go and how ... adventurous Galea was willing to be to live up to the hype.

The hype, of course, is Galea's outdoorsman sensibility; the local food – far from the freshly picked strawberries I was expecting – was technically local, but the food part was questionable.

"Jenn, you've got a lot to learn about the wilderness," Galea said, throwing a whole cattail into the road-kill porcupine soup that was frothing away on the stovetop.

"Everything you need you can find in the wild, or at least at the side of the road," he said. He breathed deeply, puffed up his chest and threw in what looked to be a chipmunk.

Holding down my dandelion tea, I tried to reason with him.

"Steve, I'm really new to this," I said. "I know Greg Hoekstra was very experimental, but I'm more of a traditional kind of girl. This issue of *Cottage Times* is supposed to be about farmers' markets and juicy tomatoes, not road-kill stew and onion sandwiches."

"*Allium tricoccum*? That's a terrific idea!" Galea smiled. "This is a learning experience for you, come along and glean what you can from my divine wil-

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When Steve Galea heard that this week's *Cottage Times* was devoted to local foods, he made porcupine soup for fellow *Awkward Moments* columnist Jenn Watt. It wasn't quite what she had in mind.

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Listerine gives forest visit a minty flavour

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derness teachings!"

I had no idea what he was talking about, but thought if we could just get out of the house and away from my cup of porcupine quills things would get better.

As Steve was donning his bug jacket and rubber boots his wife Carol popped her head in the door.

"Steve, I'm going to milk the cows now, do you need anything before I go?" she asked.

"Fresh milk? That's local food!" I said, looking eagerly at Galea. "We should go with Carol."

"Young grasshopper, that's not the point," he said. "We need to get our hands dirty, walk purposefully on the earth, breathing deeply."

"Speaking of breathing deeply," he said, "have a go with that Listerine by the door."

Swallowing my pride, I swished the potent liquid around my mouth wondering just how bad my breath



Talk about an awkward moment! When Jenn Watt snuck into the woods to take a leak, Steve Galea thought she was looking for wild leeks and wanted to help.

must have been for Steve to notice.

"What are you doing??" Galea yelled from across the room. "The Listerine is for the bugs! Didn't you read that chain letter I emailed you yesterday? You spray it on. Mosquitoes hate nothing more than cool mint," he said as he sprayed the bottle over his head.

Feeling minty fresh and a little bit sticky, Galea and I trudged through the forest looking for something edible.

"How about these chives?" I asked.

"Carol planted those. We need something natural," he said.

"Okay, fine," I answered and looked around for something else mildly appetizing. Suddenly I felt a tingling in my bladder.

"Steve, I have to take a leak," I said, my eyes darting around for an outhouse.

"Oh perfect!" he squealed. "This is exactly why we

came out here. Go to it!"

I found a bush out of the way and crouched down, hoping the Listerine was potent enough to save my skin from the mosquitoes.

Mere seconds later I heard the crunching steps of Steve coming around the corner.

"AHHH!" I screamed. "This is private! Go away!"

"AHHH" he screamed back. "Those are my raspberry bushes, what are you doing to them?"

"I'm peeing - taking a leak," I said.

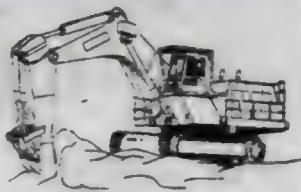
"Well, given that we're searching for leeks, *allium tricoccum*, you could have been a little more specific," he huffed.

I was sick of this. What sort of column had I got myself into. This surely wasn't in my contract.

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"Alright, Galea," I said. "Now listen up. This column is about local food – like fresh farm eggs, wild blueberries and locally raised beef. I will be darned if we spend the rest of the afternoon searching for onions and scraping meat off the road," I said.

But he wasn't listening. Steve was already bounding up the hill, or at least bounding as much as a four-foot-four man can bound.

"You want beef? I'll show you beef!" he called back to me.

I had no idea where we were so I had to follow, but couldn't imagine what

would be next.

To my surprise, he led me to a field full of livestock. Cows. Regular people food.

"Now this is terrific! These must be Carol's cows. What can you tell me about them?" I pulled out my reporter's pad, ready to finally return to firm ground.

He just looked at me.

"Well?" I said.

He stared some more, but slowly pulled a knife and fork from his back pocket.

"Now we eat!" he exclaimed and poked Bessy's butt with the sharp tines of a dinner fork.

Bessy turned to Steve, snorted and trotted off, well faster than Steve's little legs could run.

"Well, Watt," Steve growled, "I guess

this is the end of the local food column. We've had nothing to eat but dandelion tea and I still have a porcupine quill in my throat. Happy now?"

Galea was right, the whole day had been a flop. We had scavenged and foraged and come up empty handed, but there was a glimmer of hope.

"You know," I said, "today is Sunday,

and if I'm not mistaken there's a farmers' market just 10 kilometres from here in Tory Hill."

"I think you're right," he said with a smile.

"You know what Watt? I think we just may make this column thing work after all."

The end.



Barbecue utensils in hand, Galea gets ready to dig in to a little prime beef. Watt is wondering where the barbecue is.

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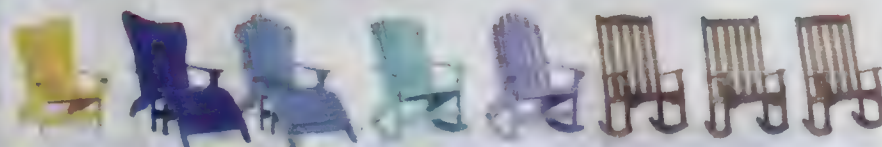
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Eating local for a year proves tougher than expected

Column and photo by Matt James

It's been a full year since county resident Colin Harris began his quest of trying to eat a diet consisting of local or Ontario-only food. Now that the year is up Harris shares his successes, failures, and explores if it was even worth the effort.

"I'm really looking forward to eating a banana," said Harris with a no-joke sigh in a phone interview in May.

When Harris, 34, the director of the outdoor centre at YMCA Camp Wanakita first began his quest, his motivation stemmed from literature and his own ethical belief that eating local is the right thing to do.

Having shared his personal goal with others, Harris felt committed to the challenge and vowed to try his best to eat local, so he set a few parameters and guidelines for himself and away he went.

"Overall the experience was rewarding but difficult, I certainly struggled

with it," said Harris. "I kept to it as best as I could but I probably ate out more than I wanted to and that was simply because it was hard."

From the beginning Harris said it would never be a matter of life or death regarding what he ate, but more of a learning process and an individual test. There were of course plenty of lessons learned.

"One of the biggest lessons was the idea that we do tend to rush food and making our meals," he said.

At Wanakita Harris works about 10-hour days and said it was difficult trying to find the time to dedicate to food preparation.

"On certain days it became too much," he said. "It got tiring, certain foods, eating my canned tomatoes and my freezer full of broccoli, corn, and chicken. I mean you tire of that stuff pretty quickly."

Prior to winter's arrival Harris stockpiled food into a freezer and learned the process of canning; he chose tomatoes

of which he canned about 24 servings. Harris admits there are opportunities to be more creative but felt he didn't always have the time or the energy to get creative.

"Especially through the winter I found it extremely difficult, more in the sense of finding time to actually do the food prep and make the food," he said.

So has the experience made him more or less motivated to continue down the path of eating local?

"Oh absolutely it's motivated me more," said Harris.

Going into the challenge Harris's primary focus was to eat an Ontario/local diet. Today that's still his focus but it's moved to more of a secondary focus.

"Now my mantra or philosophy first and foremost is to eat healthy," Harris said. "The idea that comes after that is eat local when possible."

When asked if he felt any physical or mental effects from the experience Harris says that as an avid runner that his weight didn't fluctuate all that much.

However, he admits that, "Certainly in the fall I felt healthier."

Staying honest with himself through the entire process, Harris said that he became discouraged throughout the winter and began making exceptions; "I'm hungry and I don't have time to prepare a local dinner the way I want to so I'll eat some chips to hold me over until I can make something," is an example.

"I'm somewhat disappointed in myself but overall I think it changed my whole view on food," he said.

Harris said he never thought he'd ever feel discouraged throughout the process and no one was harder on him than him. But family and friends recently reminded Harris of just how diligent he's been — "Colin, you haven't bought bananas, avocados, or a store bought loaf of bread in a year."

"It's more about the broader picture,"

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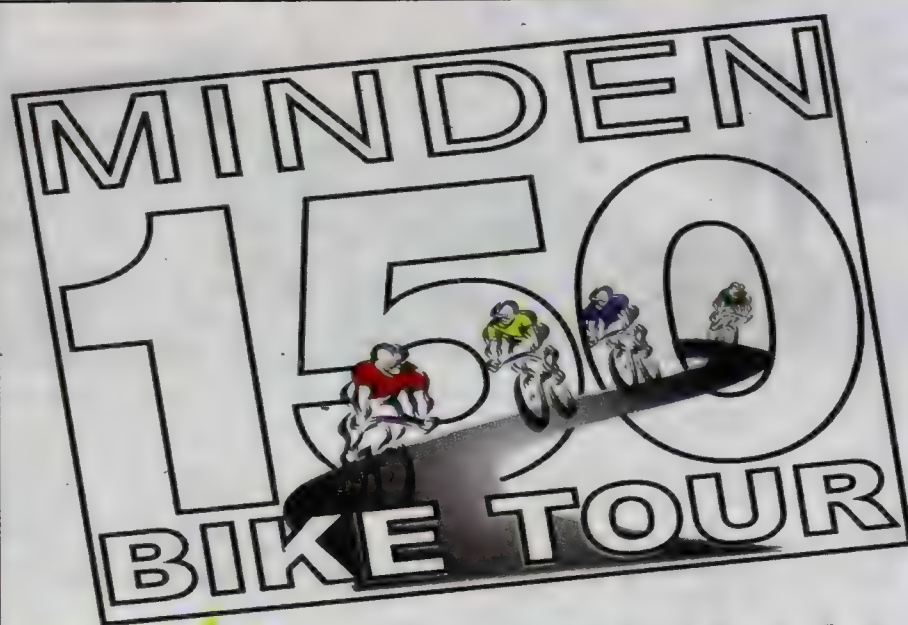
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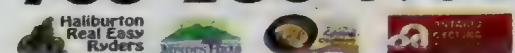
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'I feel much more educated'

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he said. "The amount that I've learned about food in the past year has been enormous and I feel much more educated about what I'm putting into my body after going through this experience."

Thinking about a) where food comes from and b) what he eats on a daily basis were two things Harris thought about over the past year and continues to think about today.

So what advice does Harris offer for those thinking about eating more of a local diet or wanting to do their part to cut down on their carbon footprint in Haliburton County?

"I think the reality is that it's hard to do a local diet in Haliburton," said Harris. "I think you have to pick and chose and I think it goes back to eat healthy first and then second, eat local when possible. I think that's probably the more important message."

Harris continually tries to educate himself about the food he eats and says there is still a lot of unanswered research and data that food scientists are putting out to the world.

"Those processed foods are just sort of the devil," he says. "We see the increase in obesity, we see the increase in diabetes, we see the increase in food related cancer and heart disease, you now it's not a rocket science to figure out that that has a direct correlation to the food we're eating."

Harris applauds the work the local health unit is doing throughout the county and he's excited about the resurgence of farmers markets around the county,



Local food is not always the easiest to find. Colin Harris finds some Ontario- grown asparagus at Foodland in Haliburton and is really looking forward shopping at the local farmers' markets.

including the new Haliburton Farmers' Market beginning July 3.

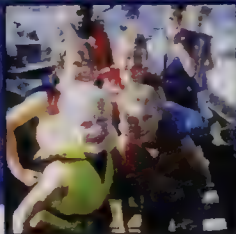
"There's a real opportunity to eat local in Haliburton County for five or six months of the year," he adds.

Harris plans to expand his repertoire of canning/preserving with pickles and wants to learn how to make a few more dishes and sauces, like chutney.

"There are a lot of people out there already who are doing what I'd like to be able to do better," Harris said. "What I've done over the past year is nothing special, people have been doing what I've been doing for years and years and it's just been part of their lifestyle."

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Couple helps create Haliburton Farmers' Market

• Story and photo by Jenn Watt •

Sharon Harrison and Bob Smith aren't farmers; but the couple makes up two of Haliburton County's strongest advocates for locally grown food.

Harrison is the chair of the Haliburton Highlands Food Coalition, while Smith is helping co-ordinate the launch of the Haliburton Farmers' Market on July 3.

"The turning point was a year and a half ago. I was very angry when the only garlic at the grocery store came from China. At the same time momentum was building in me to do something to make a change," Harrison said.

Politically, both Harrison and Smith lament the environmental consequences of importing food vast distances when local alternatives are possible.

Plus, local farmers are struggling to find markets for their food, while local consumers are paying a high cost for exotic produce. "It's an important issue; the fact food travels so many kilometres to get here is a waste of gas," Harrison said.

And, of course, fresh veggies taste better, too.

In March, 2008, representatives from Environment Haliburton, the local farmers' association and the health unit came together to find ways to promote both the producers and the consumers of local food.

They hosted an extremely popular forum in the fall, attended by more than 75 people. From that event, the idea of a Haliburton farmers' market was born with Harrison's husband at the helm.

"As a result [of the forum] we decided this is something we should do," Smith said.

It was one specific thing he thought he could do to improve the food situation in the county.

There were about 13 people at the market's first meeting and a steady core of 10 developed from that. At first, the group aimed to hold just one event in the summer, but board member John Patterson pushed

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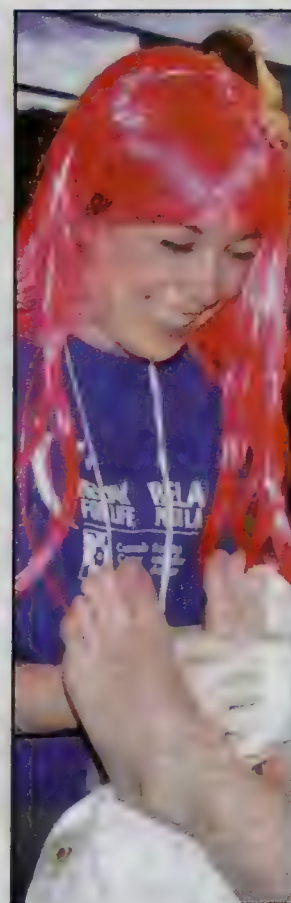
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Farmers' market opens on July 3

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for a more regular market and the pieces fell together quickly, such as location.

Patterson asked local marina owner Joe Roberts if the group could use the field along County Road 21 on the outskirts of Haliburton for four tents, vendors and buskers Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Roberts was a willing host.

"He said our rent would be a pie," Smith laughs.

So, for the cost of one pie a week, the Haliburton Farmers' Market is a go, with 11 vendors registered and six more verbally confirming interest. There will be preserves, a couple of artisans and fair trade coffee.

Smith wants the market to be an experience, not just where you go to buy food. He said one of the key reasons people go to farmers' markets is to meet the producers of the food they are buying. Research also shows most who come to farmers' markets are planning to do more shopping elsewhere.

This is also the reason Smith thinks the market won't pose a threat to local grocery stores.

"We're hoping they don't see us as competition," Smith said.

The food coalition will play a supporting role to the market, getting the word out and continuing to educate the public about the benefits of eating local. They will have display boards at the markets to highlight ways to use local foods and how to preserve produce for later.

Future goals for the coalition include expanding the farmers' directory, www.haliburtonfresh.com, sponsoring workshops and partnering with other groups.



Sharon Harrison and Bob Smith are two key supporters of local food in Haliburton County, instrumental in the local food coalition and the Haliburton Farmers' Market.

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If you're a landowner with a large woodlot you may want to familiarize yourself with three invasive exotic woodland plants in the county: buckthorn, dog-strangling vine, and garlic mustard.

At a recent Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, approximately 30 members were treated to a practical presentation of the three plants by forestry veteran James Rogers. As a contractor for the County of Haliburton, Rogers is also a forest conservation bylaw officer, owner of Kestrel Forestry Consulting, and has more than 18 years of forestry experience.

One of the first alarming points Rogers made was

• Story by Matt James •

that 27 per cent of Canada's vascular plants are alien species that threaten our native ecosystems. Each of these plants originates in Europe.

Buckthorn (common and glossy)

The deciduous shrub grows about 20-25 feet tall and about 10 inches in diameter. Buckthorn will invade stable habitat and will spread rapidly when topped. It is a good food source for birds with the blackberries it

produces. Only the female buckthorn, which produces the berries, is a threat. Control methods are fire (torch flame stems less than 4.5 cm in diameter), herbicide (stump), pulling, mowing, grazing, and flooding. If not discovered and dealt with Rogers says, "It will take over everything over time."

Dog Strangling Vine

A member of the milkweed family this perennial grows high and low. "I'm really watching for this in Haliburton County," said Rogers. Becoming a problem over the past 10 to 15 years, the plant is so invasive to habitat that monarch caterpillars won't grow into butterflies if on a dog-strangling vine. The plant can reproduce by seed and by its vast underground root system. Unfortunately Rogers says herbicide is the only effective way to eradicate the plant adding that "a lot of research and money is going into biological control." Do not touch this plant if found.

Garlic Mustard

"If we could get all of the local food people together to pick this stuff we'd be alright," said Rogers of the edible garlic mustard plant. This biennial herb, which reduces the growth of maple trees, is able to self-pol-

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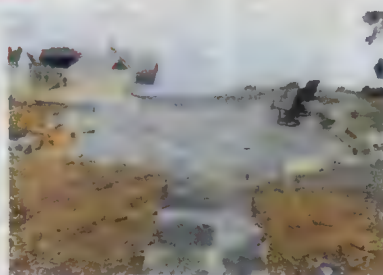


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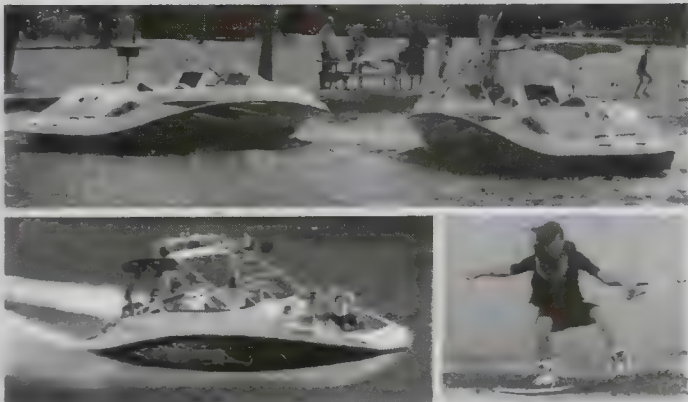
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Warm asparagus, spinach and chicken salad

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: about 5 minutes
Makes: 4 main course servings

1 bunch spinach, washed and dried
1 lb asparagus
1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 lb chicken breasts
1/2 lb mushrooms, thickly sliced

Herbal vinaigrette:

1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/4 cup each vegetable oil and extra-virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tsp each dried tarragon and Dijon mustard
1 tsp each salt and granulated sugar
1/4 tsp black pepper

Garnish:

2 greenhouse tomatoes, cut into wedges
Mushrooms

Break off stems from spinach and discard. Tear spinach into bite-sized pieces; place in large bowl. Set aside. Break off tough ends of asparagus and discard. In large pot of boiling salted water, cook asparagus for 3 to 5 minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain and rinse under cold water. Add to spinach.

In large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; brown chicken on both sides. Add mushrooms; cook until chicken is no longer pink inside, about 5 minutes.

Herbal Vinaigrette: Meanwhile, in jar, shake together vinegar, vegetable oil, olive oil, garlic, tarragon, mustard, salt, sugar and pepper until well blended. Pour

about 2 tbsp. over chicken mixture; cook, stirring, for another minute or until well coated.

Add vinaigrette to spinach mixture; toss to coat. Arrange on 4 dinner places, lace asparagus on top in spoke-like fashion. Arrange tomatoes around edge. Remove chick from pan and cut into crosswise strips. Arrange on top of salad with sprinkling of mushrooms. Serve immediately.

Baked tomatoes with cheddar frittata filling

Everyone's favourite breakfast foods come together in this quick oven-baked meal - and the recipe can easily be halved or doubled.

4 large firm tomatoes
5 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 cup crumbled cooked bacon
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or snipped chives
1/2 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp salt
2 kaiser rolls
2 tbsp butter, softened

Slice tops off tomatoes and reserve; scoop out and discard pulp and seeds. Using paper towel, wipe inside of each tomato dry.

Dice reserved tomato tops and combine with eggs, cheese, green onions, bacon, parsley, pepper and salt. Spoon into prepared tomatoes until two-thirds full; set aside remaining mixture. Place tomatoes on baking sheet; bake on middle rack in 425°F (220°C) oven for 15 minutes or until filling is just set.

Meanwhile, cut each roll in half horizontally and remove a little of the crumb from cut sides to form shallow depression. Spread butter on cut surfaces. Place hot baked tomato in depression of each; spooning in remaining egg mixture (it may overflow onto roll). Place on baking sheet; bake for 10 minutes longer or until filling is just set and rolls lightly toasted.

Nutritional Information: 1 Serving: Protein: 16 grams; Fat: 19 grams; Carbohydrates: 22 grams; Calories: 323.

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You can indeed grow more than rocks in Haliburton County, but it wasn't until about a year ago that the popular joke began losing credibility in the area, says Marcus Stong, an Irondale farmer and website developer.

The change happened around the same time that the Haliburton Highlands Food Coalition sprung up and new energy is channeled into exposing the dozens of local farmers to the hungry population of summer consumers.

At that same time, Stong and his wife began decided they wanted to get more involved with the movement and he volunteered to put together a farmers' directory: www.haliburtonfresh.com.

"We talked at the [farmers' association] meeting about what we could do to help," Stong said.

With the association's sponsorship, Stong created a self-serve site where farmers can sign up and post their location and foods grown. The intention of the site is to connect consumers looking for fresh fruit, vegetables, berries, meat and eggs with the plethora of locals who sell those things.

"It's geared to getting consumers in touch with producers," Stong said.

There is a misconception to Haliburton produce, mostly because for so many years people have been claiming there are no farmers and there is no produce to buy.

While there is certainly no big commercial farming operation up here, there is more than enough food to go around.

• Story by Jenn Watt •

Plus, there are now three farmers markets on the weekend: Friday in Haliburton, Saturday in Kinmount and Sunday in Tory Hill.

Stong sees the burgeoning farming industry as a tourist attraction to the county.

"Counties have farmers as a tourist draw, like in Prince Edward County," he said.

"We're trying to put the consumers, cottagers and tourists together with local food producers," he said.

The list on haliburtonfresh.com encompasses all types of producers and all the ways you can buy their food, from veggies sold at local shops to eggs sold at the farm gate to farmers' market fare.

The Stongs themselves grow about 30 crops at their residence on Highway 503 across from the Irondale general store.

They call their farm River Roots Market Garden and will have a food stand at the end of their driveway all summer. See www.river-roots.ca for more information.

"There have always been farmers in Haliburton County," Stong said. "I just don't think the public has known about them."

Haliburtonfresh.com hopes to change that.

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HALIBURTON COUNTY FOOD PRODUCER DIRECTORY

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Name	Type of food produced	Location
Charlie's Organic Garlic	Root vegetables	Carnarvon Area
Robb's Country Garden	Herbs Salad and other greens Vegetables	Carnarvon Area
Haliburton Farmers' Market	Herbs Honey Maple Syrup Root vegetables Salad and other greens Vegetables	Haliburton
Walkingstick Acres	Herbs Honey Root vegetables Salad and other greens Vegetables	Haliburton
Waverley Brook Farm	Berries Maple Syrup	Haliburton

For a map of local food producers, see pages 16 and 17

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When it comes to Haliburton County farming, there's more than meets the eye. Often farmers will sell their produce from the gate, or

you have to meet them at a farmers' market. This is a list of producers and markets in the county to get you started.

1. Charlie's Organic Garlic

Grower of quality garlic. Not certified. Garlic is grown using natural methods. No pesticides, no chemicals used. All aspects of growing the garlic done by hand.

Member of Haliburton County Farmers' Association and Canadian Organic Growers.

Available: August

How to get it: farm gate sales

Contact: 705-489-4201, sheila.robbsympatico.ca

1574 Buckslide Road, near Carnarvon

2. Robb's Country Garden

Although not certified organic, all produce is grown using organic methods with no pesticides or herbicides. Natural fertilizing. Produce available conditional on weather.

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What you can get: leaf lettuces, basil, parsley, thyme and mint; greens, spring onions, peas (sugar snap, snow and regular garden peas), beans (wax, green and purple), tomatoes (cherry, eating and paste), cucumber, zucchini.

Available: mid June to September, later if produce still available.

How to get it: roadside stand

Contact: same as Charlie's Organic Garlic

3. Walkingstick Acres

What you can get: herbs, honey, root vegetables, salad and other greens, vegetables.

Available: summer/fall

How to get it: roadside stand, Great Haliburton Feed Company

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4. Waverley Brook Farm

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What you can get: berries, maple syrup.

Available: year round. Call ahead.

How to get it: farm gate sales, sign up for CSA program.

Contact: 705-457-2214, www.waverleybrookfarm.com

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5. River Roots Market Garden

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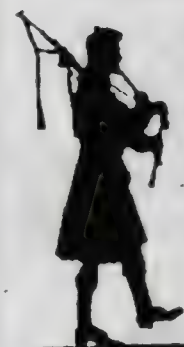
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River Roots Market Garden grows a wide variety of vegetables using organic methods.

A love of the outdoors and a need for fresh, good food led us to pursue a CRAFT Ontario (Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training in Ontario) Internship. We continue to grow food using organic methods and now we want to share our fresh, tasty produce with everyone!

Look for our roadside stand next summer across from the General Store, on Highway 503, between Kinmount and Gooderham, to pick up a taste of Haliburton County.

Member of Haliburton County Farmers' Association.

What you can get: berries, herbs, root vegetables, salad and other greens, vegetables

Available: June to September

How to get it: roadside stand

Contact: 705-447-2698, www.river-roots.ca, river.roots@gmail.com
8180, Hwy 503, Irondale

6. Bethel Church Farm

Farm-fresh eggs available all year. (Blueberries also available for those who register before June 1.)

What you can get: eggs

How to get it: roadside stand, farm gate sales

Contact: 705-286-6458, bethelchurch_farm@sympatico.ca

1639 Bethel Rd, Minden

7. Ducks and Dragonflies Farm

A hobby that started when we moved to the Minden area and carved out a space on 50 acres of bush and rock for a home and an idea of providing ourselves with some "home-grown food."

What you can get: eggs, duck eggs, lavender

Available: year around, as available

How to get it: farm gate sales

Contact: 705-286-6753, acoysh@sympatico.ca
1690 County Road 21, Minden

8. Glass Eagle Studios

What you can get: various kinds of honey and honey butter.

Available: year round

How to get it: farm gate sales

Contact: 705-286-3628

2801 Blairhampton Rd., Minden

9. Hunter Creek Ranch

Family farm - not certified but no pesticides, growth hormones used. Animals all have their own areas to roam during the day while still protected by stock guardian dogs and fence.

We have meat chickens that are generally available for sale early summer and mid-fall - if you order ahead - great, if not, you take your chances!

We raise Berkshire pigs that are generally available in September. Again, ordering early (March) is best.

We have just started raising Dexter cattle and hope to have our first beef available fall of 2009.

Also, we are in the very early stages of raising milking goats.

What you can get: beef, pork, poultry, vegetables, alpacas - a great alternative for those of us who are allergic to wool!

Available: year round but depends on product availability; vegetables only in summer

How to get it: farm gate sales

Contact: 705-286-3752, beverly.barlow@hunter-creekranch.ca

1406 Hunter Creek Road, Minden

10. The Nest Egg

Small diverse farms with meats and vegetables.

What you can get: eggs, lamb, poultry, root vegetables, garlic, winter squash

Available: open year round

How to get it: farm gate sales

Contact: 705-286-4877

1970 Duck Lake Road, Minden

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Available: year round

How to get it: farm gate sales

Contact: 705-448-9785, www.nostalgicarts.ca, info@nostalgicarts.ca

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Farmers' Markets

12. Haliburton Farmers' Market

We are located at Roberts Marina, beside Haliburton Tim-Br Mart on Hwy 21, Haliburton village.

Type of food: herbs, honey, maple syrup, root vegetables, salad and other greens, vegetables

When to go: Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 3 to Sept 11, 2009

Contact: 705-286-1940, dancingwildflower@sympatico.ca

13. Tory Hill Market

Come and experience the rural charm of idyllic Tory Hill set on the shores of McCue Lake. This vibrant market is a colorful and healthy blend of food, music, green products, art, craft and so much more. An Earth Friendly shopping alternative in the Haliburton Highlands!

When to go: The market is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays in July and August at the crossroads in the hamlet of Tory Hill.

Type of food: berries, eggs, grains, herbs, honey, maple syrup, orchard fruits, root vegetables, salad and other greens, vegetables.

Contact: 705-448-9522, toryhillmarket@gmail.com

14. Kinmount Farmers' Market

A charming farmers' market nestled on the shores of the Burnt River in the charming village of Kinmount at Heritage Park. Creative vendors are varied and unique.

When to go: Saturdays from May to October from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Type of food: fruit and vegetables

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Family makes farm work

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Farming in Haliburton County isn't easy; the soil isn't always good, or deep. Farmers have to juggle crops, discovering what thrives and what fails in the rocky land of the Canadian Shield.

One family of farmers stands out in the county as stubbornly making the land work – the Tyler family of Waverley

Brook Farm on Old Donald Road.

"We're a four-season farm – it's not just about gardens, it's about the animals, plants, earth, compost," says Jean Tyler.

Waverley Brook has a little bit of

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everything, which is what a farm has to have in order to be functioning year-round.

It also has a bit of education: the Tylers regularly have interns come to learn about organic farming, WWOOFers (volunteers who travel to organic farms and work for food and shelter – it stands for World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) and community members volunteer to take care of the crops.

"We use the biodynamics method by using all the elements. You can't have a farm in isolation," Jean says.

Jean along with her husband Godfrey, kids and parents all work the farm in different ways. They are the fourth generation on the land, which was originally purchased from the Canadian Land and Immigration Company as a demonstration farm to lure immigrants to Haliburton.

"The demonstration land brought people here to learn to farm. They almost starved," Jean says.

"They couldn't make a living. That's the dilemma of this land. You can't have monoculture."

In a way, it is still a demonstration farm.

The Tylers use the land to educate the community and visitors about organic farming practices and biodynamics, they use everything the land gives them, but with caution.

"It's better than subsistence farming, but you have to balance the amount of livestock with the land quality. You have to have a lot of eggs in a lot of baskets," Jean says.

The livestock the Tylers raise provides meat, while the manure is fertilizer for the gardens.

The trees on the property are harvested to build



Godfrey Tyler grew up at Waverley Brook Farm and it's where he and his wife Jean are raising their family – along with a few cows and sheep.

structures for the family and provide heat, though the decision to cut each tree is a difficult one.

"What you put into the land has to make it better than when you started," Jean says.

Waverley Brook runs several programs, including the community shared agriculture (CSA) boxes.

Community members sign up with a deposit in the winter, indicating they'd like a share of the crops grown on the farm during the summer and fall. When those foods are produced, they come and pick them up – usually once a week for about 16 weeks.

They also do tours, workshops and sell from the farm gate.

The passion the Tylers have for the farm and the land comes from the community and their faith.

"We're doing it despite society [saying monoculture and commercial farms are better] and in light of God's blessing," says Jean.

"We live in an exploitative society of maximum profit rather than the concept of sharing," Godfrey says.

"If you feed the land, the land will feed you," he adds.

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Flip through the back pages of a newspaper or peruse any realtor's front window and you'll see the value placed upon a piece of property. That price, simple and clear, tells us what the market will bear, but it also says a whole lot about what we value as well as the lower regard we have for places that have not yet felt the mark of man. A lot with no road access or service sells for less than one that bears the fresh scars of a bulldozer. Few people would consider buying a wetland or acreage too far off the beaten path.

I've come to believe that we've got those numbers all wrong.

Longevity, in a work of art, increases importance and price – a painting that has weathered as little as 50 years is considered nearly as much for its age as for the actual artistry rendered within. A classic status is placed upon it, a respect for the fact that it has remained true to its form and virtually unchanged except for the patina of age. That standard, of course, does not apply to a landscape, regardless of the timeless beauty it possesses, or the fact that it has taken eons to perfect the complex ecosystem laid out before you.

Of course this would be impractical. The value we place on property is actu-



People have to learn to stop and smell the yellow goat's-beard.

ally the value of the work that has gone into making it habitable or exploitable. That is not a slight to those who work to achieve these things either; they are necessary and benefit us all. And, often, roads and clearings benefit wildlife too.

But I believe that while we are highly advanced at assessing practicalities and values as well as envisioning the poten-

tial of a piece of land, we are also virtually blind to the priceless nature of what it already holds.

How can you put a price upon an ecosystem or even a single flower that grows unnoticed beyond the road? Is a low-lying area that holds thousands of spring peepers worthless? Is there no importance to a dead tree where wood ducks

nest? And a glade where whitetails bed must surely be of some consequence.

The very fact that many of us now ask these and similar questions provides a hint of hope. For, in a different, much harsher era, our forefathers never had the time or education to consider any of this. They believed that dominion over nature, rather than coexistence with it, was what God intended.

Still, even with our better understanding of the interconnectedness of things, we have not yet factored in the added value of being able to watch wildflowers emerge in spring or listen as a scarlet tanager serenades a meadow. Yet, in many instances, this is why we move to these places. This is why they hold significance to many of us.

The myriad of creatures and life cycles held within a landscape are priceless both in how they better our environment and how they improve, in countless little ways, the quality of our life – relieving stress, providing us with peace, adding pleasant memories to carry with us through the years.

There is far more true value in a piece of land than most of us could ever afford. Yet another reason to appreciate it all the more.

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